

2008-2009 Idaho Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Essay Contest

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Introduction:

Abraham Lincoln has long been considered by historians to be one of the most revered Presidents of the United States. During an era of domestic turmoil, Lincoln demonstrated his ability to prevail on a variety of issues concerning the unity of the United States. Lincoln struggled to preserve the liberty of the people of the United States and to establish liberty for the enslaved. Please reflect on the following quote by Lincoln and apply it to your understanding of what the word “liberty” meant to the people of Lincoln’s era and what it means to the people of our own.

“The world has never had a good definition of the word liberty, and the American people, just now, are much in want of one. We all declare for liberty; but in using the same *word* we do not all mean the same *thing*.”

--April 18, 1864 Address at Baltimore

Submissions must be postmarked by February 12, 2009

Submit Entries To:

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Guidelines for Entries

Requirements:

1. By submitting an entry, you grant the Idaho Lincoln Bicentennial Commission permission to use, modify, reproduce, and distribute the entry and the associated materials in connection with the Lincoln exhibit, statewide website, media publicity, and any other related activities, in any format now known or later developed, including without limitation written, printed or electronic formats, for any purpose at its discretion. All entry forms, submissions, and associated materials become the property of the Idaho Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and will not be returned.
2. BY SUBMITTING AN ENTRY, ENTRANTS REPRESENT AND WARRANT THAT THEY HAVE ALL NECESSARY RIGHT TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THE SUBMISSION AND ALL ASSOCIATED MATERIALS. All entries must be original, unpublished, and created solely by the submitting entrant; must not have been submitted in any other competition and must not infringe upon any rights of any

third party including but not limited to copyright, trademark, patent, rights of privacy, and publicity. Entries may not use copyrighted materials without permission of the copyright owner.

3. Judging: A panel of judges chosen by the Idaho Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission will evaluate entries based on compliance with rules, creativity, clarity, accuracy, and relevance to the topic. The decision of the judges will be final.
4. Prize: The contest winners will receive \$500 for the first prize and \$250 for the second prize.

If an entrant is selected as the winner but fails or refuses to execute the required release within five days of notification, or to comply with any term or condition set forth in these Rules, the entrant may be disqualified and the judges may select an alternate winner(s). If an entrant cannot be contacted by reasonable efforts within five days of selection, the entrant(s) may be disqualified and the judges may select an alternate winner(s).

5. Expenses and costs not stated are the sole responsibility of the winners. If winners cannot accept the prizes as stated, the prizes will be forfeited and awarded to an alternate winner(s). All taxes are the responsibility of the winner(s). Sponsor will issue a 1099 form to the winner(s) (or their parent or guardian).
6. Notification of Winner: The winners of this contest will be notified by phone on or before April 30, 2009. After notification, the Idaho Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission will announce to the media and publish the names of the winners on its website and all entrants may refer to the website to confirm whether their submission won.
7. Disclaimer: The Idaho Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission will not be responsible for technical or other communication malfunctions, errors or failures of any kind.